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Conscription

President Wilson's demand that national defence should be placed on a permanent basis by the adoption of a system of conscription is sound and wise, and The Tribune believes it is the duty of all Republicans in Congress to support the President as a matter of patriotic duty.

There has been-and there will be-a great deal of confusion on the subject of conscription; some of it honest; some of it purposeful. To understand the real question it is necessary to think of it not as a question of meeting an emergency of war but as a question of placing the basis in the matter of national defence.

used just now. Conceivably, the United more you pine for her in a long, windy attention of unsuspecting children. volunteers enough and in eighteen months thousand days—the less apt she is to let have been repeated, though without much after the outbreak of hostilities could put a great army in the field which in another the experience of England measured by the winter may hold his trenches. That sacred year would become effective. Such was battles of the Somme and of Arras. But white ball tossed north-northeast from the had England been under conscription in Polo Grounds grandstand sweeps away all tence of protecting them against smallpox. ent war she would have been able to put in crisp crack of a bat or the wonderful ent of "The World" to investigate this the field not less than two million men, equipped and trained, in August, 1914. The result would have been that Germany the defeat of the Marne would have taken later years-swells up in the heart. Even cording to this expert authority, the evi-

twenty and twenty-one. It is inconceiv- have warm, fresh days for a while at able that we should ever have to call more any rate. than four or five classes in any war; certainly not more than five million men. It is unlikely that we should have to ask and productive instruments.

two months at the outside, and we should anything but cheerful.

for volunteers brings instant response duction. Farmers are being urged to plant cock, Marshall and Ohio-shall be permitted her for it. for volunteers brings instant response duction. Farmers are being urged to plant to organize as an independent state upon conform all that is best in the manhood of a every available acre; villagers and complete dition that these four rich counties assume nation, and finds its coldest response from muters are exhorted to mobilize themselves chircly the \$12,000,000 obligation which the supreme Court decision has apportioned to whose survival is of least value to the Efforts are being made to meet the short- West Virginia in the final adjustment of the nation. Conscription takes every one. It age of agricultural labor by suggesting the separation claim of Virginia. does not make a hecatomb of the best. employment of Boy Scouts, of the children Volunteering takes the best and leaves it of the family, of women and girls; even thing to say about the introduction of another for conscription, which always comes after- the drafting of men not available for mili- small state into the national galaxy. Doubt-

ward, to bring up the least desirable. of conscription of Great Britain's experi- ural experts are bending their endeavors sylvania or Ohio would be a proposition less thirty-two months after the outbreak of encouraging. the war, the new English army is demon- Far less is being said and done regard- ness affiliation is really with this city. strating its capacity to win battles from ing the distribution and sale of the food the German conscripts. But no one in when produced, and this, as Europe's exbeen constructed, nor would he deny the handled and wasted foodstuffs. Farmers for attractive, have to be thrown in a confact that it was the conscript armies of with big crops which they could not market necting strip in order to assume a territorial France which held the Germans for the profitably and consumers paying big prices two years while British volunteer armies for articles the like of which were rotting were training after the brave, but tiny, fifty miles out in the country have alike British regular army had been destroyed been the victims of bad transportation in the campaign from Mons to Ypres. No facilities, bad marketing facilities, speculaone denies that men will volunteer. No one tion and manipulation. Obviously, as much

teer armies are being trained.

New Nork Tribune French have held the Western front until staple crops. It is an admirable suggested to England arrived. The present crisis may tion. Since Mr. Hoover has decided to thoughtful citizen would care to run.

> than two years, and nearer three, to put suffering from little food and big prices. a volunteer army in the field in such condition that it may meet a conscript army with a chance of victory. The story of English failure in Gallipoli, in Neuve no English officer who will not tell the officers should have been made, by the volunteer system.

The question is whether America is now to prepare for the future or not. Conscription is the only method of preparing a nation to be ready at the moment when war comes. Volunteering is a system de v.sed to meet the emergency of an unprepared nation. It has never yet in history proven adequate. It is a system which enables a nation to defend itself two years against the pursuing troops rather than after it is attacked.

At Last!

What neither the equinox, nor gay bonnets, nor all the poets could accomplish and infants. United States permanently on a sound the right arm of General Wood set in motion at the Polo Grounds yesterday. Spring Conceivably there could be raised at the is a shy young thing, very dependent on airmen had dropped infected sweetmeats in present time a great volunteer army, an the weather, full of temperament and the streets of Bucharest, neatly wrapped moods, and no female to tie up to. The March-a month often lasting at least a you catch even a whisk of her skirt.

But the first ball game settles the ques tion. Easter comes, the circus comes; opposition. Ancient memory of the first spud of a ball against a glove-all Americans have once actually played ball them- the help of the Boston physician in charge selves, though you might never guess it of the pathological laboratory of the Amerfrom their purely vicarious exercise of ican Ambulance Hospital at Neuilly. Acmajor general, with company-drill of our cinations were all made only a month or Under conscription, the United States first line defence of hand-grenade throw- six weeks before the Germans moved and would annually call up to the colors upward of a million of young men between ever else the year may bring, we are to developed tuberculosis."

Wanted-A Federal Food Board

Coincident with the publication of the more than one year's service with the government's crop estimates indicating a colors, and we should thus use only the serious shortage in winter wheat and the young men before they have married and news of Argentina's wheat embargo comes before they have become highly trained the announcement that speculators have tied up certain foodstuffs of which the gov-To-day we shall have to have recourse ernment must presently be a heavy purto volunteering and take men between chaser for the army. So far as the govtwenty and thirty out of our national in- ernment is concerned, this is not so alarmdustries, away from their homes and their ing as it might be, for the government can ration on a proper basis in the years that tions supply firms—set a fair price and often happened in the past, that the tubertake the goods at that price. But for the than prophylactic. The outbreak of war under conscription, ordinary householder, who has seen his supposing that we should have it for ten table bills mount alarmingly in the last blind us to the evidence of a possible imyears, would supply us with a reservoir of few months and is paying far more than trained officers and of trained men who normal prices for eggs and vegetables at provement in the humanity of the Germans, could take the field, not in two years, but in this season of the year, the prospect is this sort. Most of the cases, it appears, not expect the women of the United States

not be faced with the necessity of improvis- This country faces the necessity of feeding a vast machine after the fact of war. | ing itself and of exporting foods to the National service, which we call conscrip- Allies. From the beginning of the war the tion, means calling upon every young man quantity of foodstuffs sent abroad has into give a year or two years to training in creased enormously; with America's parthe army. It means that when war comes ticipation and the ever-growing shortage we shall not only have trained men, but of foods and farm labor in Europe it is that we shall not follow the unfortunate inevitable that the demands on this counexample of the English and sacrifice our try will be far greater than they have been best and bravest in the early period of hitherto. These demands must be met pense involved. learning. There is no tragedy in all the now as a war measure, where perhaps un-English story, splendid as are many of its der other circumstances they might not pages, greater than the tragedy of the un- have been filled as a matter of commerce. to be practicable—that of organizing another the most promising of the English young the production, distribution and sale of state out of the four West Virginian counties men who were sacrificed to national inex- foodstuffs such as it has never had before, located in the northern spur often termed the perience in all the battles that lie between even though last winter produced food panhandle. A bill has been introduced in the for proving that she is true to her sex!

tary service for farm labor has been pro-

denies that volunteers can be trained into increase in production as may be managed soldiers, but what all thoughtful propo- will not fend off distress if these evil connents of conscription urge is that no nation ditions be permitted to persist.

can afford to wait two years while volun- The National Agricultural Society has

French have held the Western front until staple crops. It is an admirable sugges be passed without great suffering for this place his splendid ability and experience country incident to a delay in putting at the disposal of the food committee of an army in the field. But these are the Council of National Defence, that body chances that no wise statesman or becomes the ideal one to handle this problem. But if its work is to be successful in The question of conscription is not the quickening production, eliminating waste question of raising troops to fight Ger- and keeping prices what they ought to be, many. The question of conscription is the Congress must confer on it ample power question of training men who can fight and authority. This course would be desirwhen war comes, that our country may able enough in peace times which produced not again be two years away from pre- food riots; in war time, with indicated crop paredness when war does come. The Eng- shortages and unprecedented demands, it world could ever have of the futility of with plenary powers, can meet the condithe volunteer system, since it demonstrates | tions which will arise, and there is no use beyond all question that it takes not less in waiting to create it until the people are

Futile Frightfulness

From time to time in the last two years rumors of an extraordinary and seemingly Chapelle, at Loos, the tragedy of the early futile form of warfare have come to this slaughter of the Somme-these should be country from several places invaded by visitor to the battlefields of France how and reduce them to a state of absolute subterrible has been the toll taken of the jection, but actually to exterminate them criminate bloodshed.

It is, indeed, admitted at last by the Germans themselves that they have poisoned wells, and after General Botha had conclusive proof in his hands they even ceased to deny that certain mines in Southwest Africa had been deliberately infected with disease to render them useless. But such devices, though contrary to commo usage in war, were probably directed against local civilians, whereas the purpose of the remarkable methods now in question can only be to destroy all who can possibly be reached, including old men

Thus, when Rumania was invaded it was reported on official authority that German Bar-le-Duc the same experiment is said to that large numbers of the inhabitants of mans in France have been systematically inoculated with tuberculosis on the pre-

It is a singular circumstance that the Germans, if they really feared an outbreak planation they gave, according to the unfortunate patients, was that "smallpox was their motives were of the highest and most America's choice or not. humane order and that they could not bear follow the arrival of French troops in the mothers and our sweethearts. evacuated areas. It is even possible that

If so, the unfortunate results should not Germans are capable of so fiendish an and fishes and statecraft and war. enterprise, but whether the results would

Counties for Sale

It is rather a fantastic idea-too fantastic Ypres and the early stages of the Somme. riots in this city and other big centres. West Virginia Legislature which proposes It is a fact well recognized that a call | Emphasis is being laid now on food pro- that the four northern counties -Brooks, Han-

> The rest of the country would have some and it doesn't touch Maryland, but its busi-

West Virginia's largest city-Wheeling-is in this panhandle region. If the four coun-

Cherchez la Femme (Washington Dispatch to The Chicago Revald)

Jeff McLemore, the Texas Congressman whose resolution prohibiting Americans from travelling on belligerent ships was defeated, was married three months ago.

Suffrage and Pacifism

The Facts of an Anti Are Corrected in the Interest of Accuracy

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: At this critical time it is essential that people should carefully weigh their words in order that they may not be misunderstood. The suffragists especially feel this necessity, as their question is political, and no unnecessary enmity should be created by misstatenents. Will you permit a few words of correction and explanation of statements in letter published by Roberta Dorman, of lish experience is the best illustration the seems imperative. Only a Federal board, Brooklyn, in criticism of Miss Rankin's vote in Congress on the war resolution, for which she seems to hold the suffragists of the country responsible? She says: "The suffragists in 1863 held a meeting in this city, condemning Abraham Lincoln for not enfranchising women. The official 'History of Woman Suffrage' (Vol. II, page 270), shows that this campaign cost them the friendship of Horace

landmarks to Americans. To-day the Eng- the German armies. It is alleged that in ton and Miss Anthony, were trying to have lish army is winning battles, but there is various ways efforts have been made not a woman suffrage clause incorporated in the only to cow the non-combatant populations new constitution that was being formed for New York State in 1867, and not in 1863. The Republicans were working to have the word "white" taken out of the suffrage section in best, the bravest, the material out of which without resorting to general and indis-order that the negro men might be enfranhised, and were determined that the women should not intrude their claims at that time, which explains the hostility of Mr. Greeley and The Tribun

A year or so later, when the Fourteenth ord never had been used in the Federal and the draft Constitution, and here again they were com the enfranchisement of the negro men. Never at any time did they hold President Lincoln did not dictate the actions of Congress. The quotation from "The National Suf-

frage News," "There is hardly a suffragist

who is not a pacifist," was used without the The quotation in full is as folows: "There is hardly a suffragist who is not a pacifist, but pacifism knows many de of self-commitment. Pacifism is an ideal toward which we are all struggling. recate ill-considered war talk in the name of patriotism. They want peace, they work compelled, they will compel it. But suffragists have shown that wemen will rally

be averted." This was published February 1. On February 21, when war was imminent, the execuuffrage Association met in Washington and offered the services of the association to the

IDA HUSTED HARPER Chairman National Suffrage Press Committee New York, April 10, 1917.

Good for Miss Rankin!

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I have read and also listened to th place at the French frontier and would a spring heavy with clouds, opened by a dence is disquieting, inasmuch as the vac-Jeannette Rankin, as she voted "No" on the resolution for war.

Now, I am for war, and all of my neighbors know that I am not a pacifist. I am

But for the life of me I cannot see why we should expect a woman to lose all the graces of smallpox, put off the order for general or weaknesses, if you choose to call them so vaccination to the last moment. The ex- of her sex just because we have given her the rights to which she is entitled. Any antithe sob that Miss Rankin tried to stifle when ravaging all France." It is therefore not she realized that her first public vote would impossible that, though they were deceived, help decide whether bloody war should be These very antisuffragists have dinned into our ears for to think of the consequences that might women would brutalize our wives, our their real purpose was to provide against pathetic woman she is the very critics who prophesied that women would lose their In Ger tuberculosis and that it happened, as it has femininity in politics now complain that

who hitherto have shown no compassion of hussey our anti-suffrage friends announced suffragist women to be. American men do this sort. Most of the cases, it appears, not expect the women of the United States were of the fulminating type, the victims to abandon their gowns, their millinery, or leading German professors, underdying in a few weeks. It has therefore even their high-heeled shoes just because we ninety-four leading German professors, underbeen difficult to investigate the question not want them to lay aside their merry machine had perpetrated or would perpetrate, deteriorates when the cities become overthoroughly and it is allowable for the pres- laugh, or still the lullaby that only a woman ent to give the Germans the benefit of the can sing, or let their tears run dry, just bedoubt, the doubt being not whether the cause we have invited them in to consult with us as to taxes and politics and loaves

If I lived in Montana (and it is one of the really be worth all the trouble and ex- greatest states in the Union) I would glory in the spunk of the woman Congressman, and I would be for her for Senator from Thank God she hasn't quit being Montana. a woman just because she is a voter and an officeholder. The people of Montana will get more for their money out of their little woman Congressman, with the sob in her throat, than most of the other states will get out of their seasoned political back.

All honor to the first woman Congressman did not please many of us by her vote, but ed like a gentlewoman and we like Spuyten Duyvil, New York City, April 10, To the Editor of The Tribune,

Another Woman Votes "Yes"

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Speaking on the great national crisis,

A great deal is made by the opponents posed. Government officials and agricultsale of the four counties to Maryland, Penn- ments to have so entirely mistaken the situaence. It is true that the British have to the increase of output, and the prospect difficult of realization. The panhandle is Friday morning she voted "No" in a burst of has made Annapolis more democratic, less a made an army. It is true that to-day, for the stimulation of crop production is jammed in between Pennsylvania and Ohio, emotionalism. From a Western woman Sparthe German conscripts. But no one in when produced, and this, as Europe's exties mentioned were really on the bargain ries, because in the last analysis we suffer shows a spirit of antagonism to compulsory England would deny the wastefulness of perience has proved, is equally important. counter, Maryland might be interested. There and die a thousand deaths in the deadly susuniversal training which should make him would, of course, in order to make the transpense of waiting for news, and know too well and others like him a target for every citithe pain of the bleeding heart in the silent zen who loves his country and wants a night watches. Not the less must every woman with red

blood in her veins accept the challenge to the world's honor Germany's overweening ambi-tion has thundered, and "do her bit" by encouraging the young manhood of her country to shoulder the burden of patriotic duty and

When Our Volunteer System Failed

By Stanley J. Quinn

Sweeping aside the palterings of the pacifst and the snares of the disaffected, Congress must here and now declare for univercal military service or fail in its duty to the nation. Entering the greatest conflict of all ime, and with its future at stake, the United States must be provided with an army worthy of its resources and adequate for its needs. cessity

the volunteer system. That indictment is written upon every page of our own expethe cause of liberty until it was finally saved in the great events through which the world by the regulars of France. In the War of is passing. 1812, after volunteer forces had been ingloriously expelled from Canada, after the battle capital had been burned, James Monroe con- possible results of this world-wide upheaval, they were saved only by the genius of their effective,

e secured by recourse to volunteers.

We are accustomed to rejoice, and justly, spirit was forced to surmount show in the opportunity fact that in January, 1776, out of 20,000 volthese had not joined the colors.

"It is the true policy of America not to them?

emptory draft will be the only effectual nation. Had we formed a permanent fate of America, which nothing but the in- military force while we were still at peace. After a lifetime's advocacy of a volunteer vice is to belittle the patriotism of the youth War of 1812, wrote to Secretary Monroe:

"It proves more forcibly the necessity of

Russia Not a Parallel

and make military instruction a regular part of collegiate education. We can never be safe till this is done.'

The lesson learned in 1776 and 1812 was forgotten when the Civil War began. Both sides entered that conflict with an army of volunteers. But in 1862 the Confederacy, more quick than the North to sense the ne such an army never has been and never can every able-bodied man between the years of eighteen and thirty-five was liable to mili-One year later the Federal Con-We need not appeal to England's recent tary duty. and costly experiment for an indictment of gress abandoned the illusions that had misled the North for two disastrous years and

Those who now propose to block universal rience. Dependence upon volunteers snatched service either are ignorant of our military victory from the American Colonies a dozen history or wilfully prefer to see this nation times during the Revolution and threatened play a shameful and perhaps disastrous part needed in Europe to seal the fate of the autocracy that is seeking to impose its will on the world, or whether they will be employed of Bladensburg had been lost and the national here at home to protect the nation from the fessed the failure of voluntary service by is beside the question. The United States is It was a voluntary now at war with the greatest military force system which sent the forces of this coun- ever assembled. It must have an army, and it must secure and maintain that army in service, not only to meet the present eme whelming odds and risk a fate from which the only way that experience has shown to be

A volunteer system that failed when the commanders and the mistakes of their ad- freedom of America was in the balance, and age would give an experience that is bad ersaries. And from Bull Run to Gettysburg that failed again when our existence as a needed to millions of young men who the volunteer system under which the Union nation was threatened, cannot be relied upon the physical and moral development which entered the Civil War piled failure upon in the present crisis. Committed to tremenfragists made a vigorous campaign against failure and defeat upon defeat until in desperation Congress resorted to conscription sooner or later, to a system of compulsory and universal service. And for every day and every hour that is wasted in a futile dependence on volunteers the nation must in the spirit of 1776, but the difficulties that eventually pay, in lives, in treasure and in

It is distressing to learn that certain memunteer troops authorized three months before bers of Congress now doubt the "popularity" only 10,500 had been enlisted and many of of universal service. This is no time for and the loafing son of the millionaire, Congress to consider the temporary and local be given the benefit of effect of its actions. It is time to think of would make for self-control, Four years later, after the colonies had the future of a nation rather than the tem- ment of physical strength, for conservat vainly increased their bounties to volunteers per of constituency. But what hope of a volfrom one hundred to one thousand dollars unteer army can any legislator entertain who disciplined to understand this country, for each recruit, General Washington de- doubts the "popularity" of a universal sys- recognize the American flag, and that along clared in a letter to the President of Con- tem which justly distributes the burdens of military service among those best able to bear be welded into a more

Congress alone has the power to declare content herself with temporary expedients, but to endeavor, if possible, to give consistence and solidity to her measures. nation to war, Congress must now "raise and Experience has shown that a per- support" an army that is fit to represent the of what our country stands for, and

For three years the country has watched war clouds approach. It has wondered and army in the beginning, which by the con-tinuance of men in service had been capa-ble of discipling, we should not have had ble of discipline, we should not have had tion for the storm. It is in no mood now to to retreat with a handful of men across brook interference or opposition from those the Delaware in 1776, trembling for the who should have provided for an adequate To doubt the "popularity" of universal ser-

of America. Nothing can keep Americans citizen soldiery, Thomas Jefferson, observing from the service of their country save, perthe failure of the voluntary system in the haps, the thought that shirkers and cowards may profit from their sacrifice.

The time for sophistry and sham obliging every citizen to be a soldier. This passed. The fires of patriotism and loyalty was the case with the Greeks and Romans, are alight in millions of hearts. And for each and must be that of every free state. man who sincerely loves his country loyalty Where there is no oppression there will be and patriotism spell but one thing-service, no pauper hirelings. We must train and not where and when he pleases, I classify the whole of our male citizens where and when his country calls. We must train and not where and when he pleases, but service

The Essence of Democracy, Individual Tilling Small Plots Helps Food Supply Thinking, Unknown in Germany

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Those who are looking for a revolution

little sob. I am sorry she could not see her way clear to vote against von Tirpitz and sant drilling of the German mind, making it Zimmermann and the other Prussian wolves, a matrix, plastic to any dictum they enunciate fere they had learned it. but I respect her as a woman of courage.

And I am glad she wasn't the brazen-faced right" it would have been impossible for the quarrel with any system of government. allow them to vote. And we certainly do writing every crime which the Kaiser's war torical and scientific evidence that a nation tellectuals without a parallel in history,

How completely the socialists feed out of tempt of its so-called leaders to snare the mitted. Russian democracy into a separate peace. ists to keep Italy from joining the Allies.

tocracy. There is no present sign that the divine spark is aflame in the German breast. Until that spark is lighted a real revolution is till a small piece of land. ROBERT BAKER.

Brooklyn, April 10, 1917.

We Need a Coalition of Brains

Sir: Referring to your editorial of to-Sir: Speaking on the great national crisis, not want keposition to the Cabinet; we want the lecal, state and national consideration. In the n Episcopal rector said in his sermon to-day readers as such respective branch mean time I am working my own little garden righteousness was the essence of religion, of the government, so that inefficiency in adand that this country had no alternative but ministration will not kill more Americans week, and to me they seem equally important fight for principle. Miss Rankin must from the back than will be killed by the as a small, personal contribution to the na-

Your editorial "A Great Democracy's on Congress confronted this week when on Navy" shows to Mr. Daniels's credit that he tan courage was naturally expected, for the As to his other shortcomings, he has been as tan courage was naturally expected, for the pioneer has always faced danger with steady nerves. It is no excuse for Miss Rankin that the House Military Affairs Committee, to-day we women oppose war because we visualize shows himself to be more of a reactionist declaring war against the most gigantic military and a superscript of the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: We are about to witness the heart-rending spectacle of a Congress, which, after declaring war against the most gigantic military and a superscript of the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Senator Townsend, of Michigan, he was always faced danger with steady others, no more, no less. Chairman Dent, of rending spectacle of a Congress, which, after declaring war against the most gigantic military and the most gigantic we women oppose war because we visualize shows himself to be more of a reactionist its horrors much more acutely than its glo- and should draw your heaviest fire. He pense of waiting for news, and know too well and others like him a target for every citi square PETER E. ALLIOT. Passaic, N. J., April 10, 1917.

> Send Men Behind the Line To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Even if the United States could not To the Editor of The Tribune.

these three are greater than suffering, and the European trenches, it certainly would be feeling makes it necessary to remove the surface of Naturalization, have been unable the surface of the surface of Naturalization, have been unable to send 100,000 trained angineers. war is a cleansing fire when undertaken to possible to send 100,000 trained engineers, ablest man in the United States military ser- to take out their first papers. sappers, miners, road builders, bridge build- vice from the important point, New York

The "Little Land" Idea

and Individuals To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The attention you have given to the in Germany should note the difference between | food question as an important part of pre- him. The whiskey interests are pow that country and Russia. For fifty years paredness indicates a broad-minded journal- enough to organize many campaigns of slat Russia's revolutionists, in the main, have been ism, and, as many of your readers seem in- der and vituperation against him and caus "intellectuals." Siberia's prison camps have terested in the subject, I am calling their atmothers and our sweethearts. And when "intellectuals. Shorts of Russian uni- tention to a magazine published in San Fran- whiskey gang. cisco, "Little Lands in America," a periodical whiskey, let the army do the same, and et In Germany the reverse has been true. of propaganda. This magazine takes for its pecially should the government do it before Since 1848 its professorial class have been au- slogan "Ruralize the Cities," and says to the it puts compulsory training into effect. We tocracy's abject slaves. They are a vital part back-to-the-lander, "Learn to feed yourself." little sob. I am sorry she could not see her of the Kaiser's machine. Without their inces-

right," it would have been impossible for the quarrel with any system of government, com-Kaiser to have rendered the German thought merce or social life. We note that all is not impervious to any appeal based upon princi- well in the world and offer a simple home was an exhibition of moral penury among incomment on that subject for those who like a How completely the socialists leed out of dash of literary flavor in the testimony sub-

On the other hand, it has been thoroughly sound, and with no dependents, held quilt demonstrated that progress and much of the different ideas. One said he was afraid is These are the same manikins that he shiployed charm of civilized existence originate in the would be forced to join the army, so I asked cities, and it is not wise, nor is it practicable, him to come up to the armory and enlist in All of this shows that the very essence of democracy—individual thinking—is unknown in this ruthless and scientifically brutal au
effits of city life, but to modify the evils, and knew of any way he could avoid serving. He offer as a compromise the ruralized city, in which, as far as possible, each individual shall of the medical officers of the regiment, and

velopment of this idea, but the present abnormal conditions have intensified the need so that he would be rejected. Then, in cast for immediate attention to the subject. We of conscription, he could point to his rejecbelieved the matter was to be a personal one, tion from the National Guard and thus sh the solution of the food problem to be individual, and collective effort would be for communities or development concerns to the food problem to be individual, and collective effort would be for communities or development concerns to the food problem to be successful even if the Gurd day, what is the matter with having a coalition Cabinet, not necessarily a coalition of up as a business proposition, but the attenparties, but a coalition of brains. We do tion Europe has given to small gardens (Little Lands) as a wartime measure warrants not want Republican leaders or Democratic the belief that it should receive the fullest tional defence LITTLE LANDER.

Hollis, Long Island, April 5, 1917.

Will America Ever Wake Up? To the Editor of The Tribune.

tary power in the world, is now preparing to of the two-year rule in the naturalization of interpose every possible obstacle against the formation of an adequate army for the deience of the country against that savage and relentless power. Will America ever wake HARRY B. LOGAN. New York, April 10, 1917.

The Weakness of Democracies in War

put a trained body of 100,000 fighting men in Sir: It is indeed regrettable that political

Bill Should Be Passed at Once

Universal Service

The Only Safe and Honest Way for the Government to Deal with

the People (From The Manufacturers' Record) One of the first acts to be passed by the special session of Congress should b

universal military training, to take effect in

It would be a shame upon our government to depend upon the high-spirited, patriotic men who at the call of the President would volunteer, while millions of others we shirk their responsibility. The very flow of the civilization of this country, as was the case in England, would volunteer, while one reason and another, some from coward ice and some from a desire to make mon while their fellow men were fighting the battles, would not be on the firing lie

The only safe and honest way for

government to deal with the people of

gency, but for the future. Thorough com pulsory military training of the y of the country as they reach the would come from the discipline of the army It is universally recognized that mility ful, and yet the students in these coll than the hove and young men who have the opportunity of going to a colle Under compulsory military element of the country, foreign-born

should have under this system no such di respect and disloyalty to the flag as we not in evidence in many places.

a higher realization of the meaning of la

Present conditions emphasize as else could have done the need of this un versal military training alike for the presen situation and to meet future conditions. is pre-eminently important that in creating an army to meet the emergency of the hou the country should not depend upon the volunteer patriotism of its people, but shor require every man to bear his full shar of the responsibility of protecting the cou try and maintaining civilization. It is dificult to think of anything more unfair the to expect volunteers to risk their lives at to give up their business out of pure patric for the protection and the benefit of million who are hiding behind them and who hop to reap the benefits of what the voluntee

In advance of any bill for universal or pulsory military training, or as a part of it there should be enacted a measure for ab solute prohibition of all alcoholic drinks i the army and around army camps, or, is finitely better, an absolute prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drink throughout the country. Secretary Danie to his everlasting credit, has abolished drin ing in the navy, and this is one reason back the attacks that are being made upo

curse of the rum seller.

The other day the writer was talking with

three men, all of military age. The married

Penalizing Patriotism To the Editor of The Tribune. wing as one of the evils attendant upon the

volunteer system.

man said he would go if necessary, but did not wish to leave his family if it could be avoided. The other two, single, physically if so, if I would use it to have him rejected Little Landers had planned a very slow de- as physically unfit, his idea being to offe selves for him, but it goes to show what sees men will try to do to avoid doing their dell-These sentiments were seconded by the other He then said, "Now that all you men sa going off to war there ought to be a god chance back here, and we want to 'clean "

before you get back." Is it not actually penalizing patriotism allow such vermin to remain at home in com-fort while others voluntarily go in defeate of an ideal, and even give their G. S., N. G. N. Y.

New York, April 10, 1917. Not for Germans Only

German aliens who have been here the quired amount of time. favor of this bill, but I should like to know why only Germans are included.

There are thousands of English, Eussian

and French aliens who are anxious to be citizens, but who have, through negligens or otherwise, failed to declare their tions. Also, there are thousands throughout the United States who have lived here near all their lives, but, owing to their long hear of work and the earlier closing time of the Both of these classes are now anxious

States, but would rather do so knowing that the law has recognized them as citizens.

New York, April 10, 1917.

The National Agricultural Society has recommended the immediate creation of a Federal Food Commission to take up this of Justice.

Sappers, miners, road builders, bridge builde It may be that in our future wars we Federal Food Commission to take up this of Justice. That department will institute an investi- sit in the House of Representatives. an equivalent number of trained soldiers for and not reason sways. shall have an ally like France to hold phase of the situation, with power even to gation to see if there is a shoe trust. If EDWIN W. INGALLS. AN AUSTRALIAN WOMAN VOTER. the fighting lines. Boston, Mass., April 10, 1917. New York, April 8, 1917 the line for us until we come up, as the fix maximum and minimum prices for there is, it will "bust" it. New York, April 10, 1917.